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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiners' attention is directed to the documents listed on the appended PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed patent documents are enclosed.

The patent documents listed on the PTO-1449 form were cited in an International Search Report issued on October 13, 2004, in an Office Action issued in a corresponding application pending in the People's Republic of China. A copy of the Office Action is also enclosed.

The European Patent Document is believed to correspond to U.S. Patent No. 6,088,134, which was cited during prosecution.

Applicants request that the information cited herein be placed in the application file.

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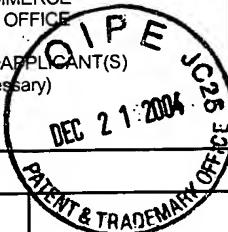
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